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8) Plaintiffs,)			
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10	vs.) No. CR 15-00206-FMO			
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12	NAYAR JOSUE BELTRAN CAMPOS,)			
13	Defendant.)			
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               THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Calling case
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     CR 15-00206-FMO: United States of America v. Nayar
      Josue Beltran Campos.
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               Counsel, please state your appearances.
               MR. KENDALL: Good afternoon, Your Honor.
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     Chris Kendall on behalf of the United States.
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               THE COURT: Good afternoon.
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: Good afternoon, Your Honor.
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     David Kaloyanides with Mr. Beltran Campos, who's present
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     before the Court, in custody.
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               THE COURT: Okay. Can I ask the interpreter to
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     please state her name for the record.
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               THE INTERPRETER: Good afternoon, Your Honor.
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     Manena Fayos, certified interpreter in Spanish, with an
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     oath on file.
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               THE COURT: Okay. Why don't we get started.
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     Defendant previously pled guilty before me on
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     June 2nd, 2022. I've read and considered the following
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     documents: The presentence report filed on
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     July 14th, 2022, and the two addendums to the report,
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     the Government's sentencing papers filed on
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      July 18th, 2022, and defendant's sentencing papers filed
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     on October 14th, 2022. And I'll note for the record
      that -- and we'll file these on the docket under seal
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      later -- that some paperwork was handed to me, which I
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     briefly reviewed on behalf of defendant in support of
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     his sentencing position that I have here. And we'll
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     make it part of the record later.
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              MR. KALOYANIDES: Thank you, Your Honor. And I
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     apologize for the delay in getting them.
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     Mr. Beltran Campos attempted to mail them to me, but
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     they were returned to him. I'm not sure what happened
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     there. And so today was the only opportunity I had
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     to --
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               THE COURT: That's fine. We'll add it to
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     the -- to the docket later.
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: Thank you.
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               THE COURT: Mr. Kendall, other than what you
      stated in your sentencing papers, do you want to contest
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      or change anything in the presentence report?
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               MR. KENDALL: No, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Do you have anything you want to
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     present on behalf of the Government at this time or
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     would you rather wait to respond to Defense counsel?
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               MR. KENDALL: I think I'd rather wait to
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     respond, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Kaloyanides, have you
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      and your client read and discussed the presentence
      report?
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: Yes, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Did you explain the contents of the
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      report to your client?
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: I did.
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               THE COURT: Do you have any concerns about his
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      ability to understand the report?
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: No.
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               THE COURT: Other than what you stated in your
      sentencing papers, do you want to contest or change
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     anything in the presentence report?
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: Nothing in addition.
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               THE COURT: Do you have anything further you
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     want to present on behalf of your client at this time?
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: Nothing in addition,
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      Your Honor, but if the Court would allow me to highlight
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      some points?
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               THE COURT: Yes, go ahead.
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: There's kind of two aspects
     here, and -- and in part, how we proceed will be
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     determined on whether or not the Court finds that
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     Mr. Beltran Campos was, in fact, subject to the
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      leadership or supervisor enhancement, there might be an
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     opportunity to consider whether or not he would be
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safety-valve eligible but for that. The Government and I disagree on two factors, whether or not he has fully provided the information as required, but the first preventing or hindering factor is the supervisor role enhancement. As I stated in the papers, the facts just don't support that enhancement -- the interpretation of the facts. And we don't disagree with what the facts are as to his conduct, but the interpretation that Probation and the Government have made based on that conduct is nothing different from as I mentioned: middleman, the broker, somebody who was arranging for two parties to engage in a drug transaction. fact that somebody tells another person to go and deliver an order is not the kind of control that the Guidelines require and that the case law requires to find some sort of supervisory position. Now, I've stated all of this in the papers, but I wanted to highlight that.

THE COURT: Yeah, and you did state all that in the papers. And the only reason I -- I want to interrupt you, is that you didn't frame the argument as -- and to me, that's a much more serious argument -- as to whether or not this affects his safety-valve eligibility. The way I read the argument was that, you know, he's not guite this. He's this. So he should

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     have a lower -- a lower Guideline range, but it doesn't
      affect the statutory minimum as far as that goes.
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     That's the way I read the argument.
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: And that is how it was
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      couched. I just want to alert the Court that if the
     Court is going to -- there's two ways I think that the
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     Court can proceed here.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: The Court can say that, well,
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      I think that the evidence would suggest
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     Mr. Beltran Campos is a supervisor of some kind, but in
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     the Court's discretion isn't going to apply it in the
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      calculation of the Guidelines. I think the Court has
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     the ability to say that. It's a different thing to
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      say -- and then that would affect the total offense
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      level under the Guidelines -- we haven't even gotten to
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      3553(a) yet. It's a totally different analysis if the
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     Court says the evidence clearly does not support the
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     finding; and, therefore, he is not a supervisor. He
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     does not qualify for that. That then would remove the
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     block to the potential safety valve. We still have a
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     problem with the proffer. I'll be straightforward with
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     that. The Government and I disagree as to the full
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      scope of what he would have to -- what information he
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but I just wanted to alert the Court that there might be this issue, depending on how the Court rules on the role enhancement.

Beyond that, the only other point I really want to stress, both under a Guideline analysis and a 3553(a) analysis, is the clear abdication that the Sentencing Commission committed by when it created the methamphetamine Guidelines, that they just don't apply the way they originally were intended. Purity and quantity no longer can be said to be linked to culpability. And, again, I've provided extensive briefing on this point; but I think the court -- I think all the courts need to send a message to Congress by saying, this is a categorical policy disagreement we have because this no longer applies. And until we start having more and more courts say that, which we are, but more and more courts coming out and declaring that policy disagreement, I don't think we're going to see a meaningful change either in the Commission's work or even Congress has to step in to order the Commission to review the distinction between -- or -- or the culpability analysis based on purity and quantity. And so that's the only other point I wanted to highlight. All of those factors, as well as everything else that I've put in the brief, considering Mr. Beltran Campos'

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background, the enormous stress that this case is having on his children, the Court is well-aware that Mr. Campos' wife is also in the case; has pled guilty in the case; is looking at potential prison time in the case. And while every time we have a defendant who commits an offense, it affects more than just that defendant. It affects the family. And unfortunately, children, whether minors or young adults, always bear the brunt. It is a factor that I want the Court to consider. And if we are stuck with the mandatory minimum, that's all we should be stuck with. And unless the Court has specific questions, I'll submit on my brief. THE COURT: No questions, no. Mr. Kendall.... MR. KENDALL: I'll start with the math Guidelines because I know -- I've been in this courtroom before. So I want to address this one head on. So in footnote one, I actually laid out the Government's position on this. And I'm sure the Court has read it, but just really to highlight it: So we get to an offense level of 36 based on 3,567 grams of methamphetamine. That's an actual amount that was seized. In addition to that, there were communications about 15 pounds of methamphetamine. And then we don't

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know if it was pure or not. I suspect it was close to a hundred percent pure, because for all the reasons we shouldn't consider purity according to the Defense, it always is, especially in Mexico. So even if you just looked at it as a mixture and substance amount at 15 pounds, we still get to an offense level of 36. And, in fact, actually if you add those two amounts together, you get to a 38; but here, I'm trying to be generous and -- and take the rule of lenity into consideration, there just isn't a scenario where we should have anything less than an offense level of -- a base offense level of 36 here. So I do hope that the Court considers those other conversations, even though we didn't seize those particular drugs. This isn't someone who just happened to sell 50 grams of methamphetamine, and that's the only thing they ever did.

So next, with the -- with respect to the stress on the children, several years ago, I offered this defendant the opportunity to cooperate. And one of the choices I gave him was if he could put us in touch with his ex-wife so I could talk with her and have her self-surrender to the United States so that I wouldn't have to extradite her so she'd be stuck in Mexican prison. He decided not to do that. So instead of allowing me to get this woman, who he put into this

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criminal enterprise, to self-surrender so she would never have to serve a day in jail, he didn't do that. So the reason the kids are without their mom right now is because of him. I fully suspect and -- you know, at her initial appearance, she said that she wanted to plead guilty -- I actually had to think about if you actually do that at an initial appearance. She's the exact opposite of this defendant. She's accepted responsibility immediately. So any harm to the children, I think could be considered with respect to her, but definitely not with respect to this defendant. The safety valve, I agree is -- is a significant issue in this case. I disagree that it should be as significant, given the extraordinarily high Guidelines here. I certainly think he has an aggravating role. Again, in the -- I believe it's footnote two, I lay out just with respect to Sanchez Rocha, some of the descriptions used in the PSR. So arranging with Carliyos deliver, instructing Sanchez Rocha to call

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plea -- and I know the plea agreement refers to
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defendant. You can certainly line up the factual bases.
Everything she was doing was at this defendant's
direction. She wasn't just picking up and dropping off
drug proceeds at a bank because that was like a fun
thing for her to do. She was doing it because this
defendant was telling her to do that. This is exactly
the kind of defendant that is responsible for the
couriers -- for -- for Ms. Martell Obeso, these people
getting involved in the criminal enterprise. Throughout
this case, the Government has agreed with minor roles.
Sometimes we've disagreed with the Court as to what a
particular defendant should get, but this defendant is
at the top of the case. He's not defendant 1, 2, or 3.
They're still at large in Mexico, but he is on par with
them. And just even the fact he was in Mexico directing
the activities of people in the United States shows that
he was a manager of others. So I firmly believe he's --
he has an aggravated role. And we're not even
advocating for the plus four, leadership, just the plus
three for being a manager in a conspiracy involving five
or more people.
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And I apologize that I'm talking fast to the

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court reporter. I told her I'd try to do better this afternoon.
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With respect to the proffer, the Defense counsel said that we had a disagreement about the full scope of a safety-valve proffer. I do think that is part of it. Defendant previously attempted to do a safety-valve proffer in this case. During that time, he refused to talk about some topics, including

Ms. Martell Obeso, which wouldn't make it a complete proffer. But at that time, he maintained that he was never involved with any drug distribution at all. So, obviously, that's just not true.

I don't have any reason to believe he would be fully truthful if we did meet with him, but I don't think it even matters, because I don't think he qualifies under the leadership enhancement. Otherwise, you know, I think we've laid out in our position. I think the PSR very well describes his involvement of both, in the drug trafficking and money laundering operations, in this case. And I would stress to the Court that this isn't the ordinary kind of defendant that is presented before the Court.

THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Kaloyanides, would you like to respond?

MR. KALOYANIDES: Briefly, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

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And I won't belabor any of the points; but, again, I want to emphasize what is required is not just direction, but it's the control. That's what the cases have said must be the focus in determining whether a role enhancement should be applied. It's control over another, not just telling them what to do. And what we see in the facts here is a lot of discretion was given to those who were told to deliver. You make arrangements with the person. Here's the phone number. You take care of it. That's not the kind of control that I think warrants, particularly in this case. it's not the level of his involvement. Again, for the -- you can have someone who's integral, who absent that person, the -- the conspiracy would fall apart. That doesn't make them eligible for the enhancement. Again, it's who are they controlling. And that's really what the cases focus on. Even if the Court finds that the -- the additional quantities that the Government suggests were in the phone calls, even if the Court finds that the calculation that the PSR determined is his total offense level is correct, we still come back to the 3553(a) factors call for no more than a mandatory minimum sentence here. No other defendant who has been sentenced received more than 120 months. And most

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received far less. So we do have the question of the 235-month sentence being a gross disparity from all the other sentences here. There's no question it's Mr. Beltran Campos' conduct that has caused harm to his family. And he acknowledges that. And we're not trying to say that it was something he didn't do. My point is, the fact that these innocent children are being affected is something the Court can and should take into account in determining what is the appropriate sentence. Again, you know, for someone who has no criminal history that we could determine, 120 months is a very long sentence. Hopefully their mother will be released quickly and returned to Mexico; but, again, they will be without their father. And that is something I'm asking the Court to reflect on in making the determination. Thank you. MR. KENDALL: Very briefly, Your Honor. So Defense counsel just talked about control. Defendant provided Tovar's number to Sanchez Rocha and instructed him to call Tovar. This isn't, Sanchez Rocha, just do whatever you want. It's telling him to -- specifically who to call. He told Sanchez Rocha to deliver 8 pounds of methamphetamine to Tovar. This isn't, you know, go to the U.S., find someone to give the drugs to. It's telling people where to go, who to

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                 That's the kind of direction that makes drug
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      conspiracies work. Without that direction, it would be
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      chaos. So it's an essential part of all that.
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               There is one other thing I want to add that's
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      unrelated to all this. There's a point made in the
      Defense papers about Mr. Beltran Campos having been
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      arrested in Mexico, whether or not, he should get credit
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      for that time. He should get credit for that time if he
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      was arrested based on this charge, which he was. He
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      was -- and just so it's in the record, which matters for
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      BOP's calculation, nothing that the Court needs to
      consider.
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               THE COURT: Uh-huh.
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               MR. KENDALL: That was on July 19th, 2018,
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      according to an e-mail that I received. So to the
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      extent that that comes up with the Bureau of Prisons --
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      and I will work with Defense counsel to make sure that
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      they have that information, as well when it comes time
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      to sentence him -- or to --
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               THE COURT: So that's -- the date was when?
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      July --
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               MR. KENDALL: July 19th, 2018.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: And I appreciate that,
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      Your Honor. And that was my concern, is that without
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some specific information in the PSR, I didn't want the
BOP to think that there wasn't an issue of time-served
in Mexico, because yes, he would get credit for that
time. And I'm not sure what is necessary for the BOP.
But I appreciate that Government counsel has put that on
the record, and then we'll work with the BOP as
necessary, but I just wanted that to be noted for the
purposes of their calculation. I know it's not
something that the Court gets involved in.
         MR. KENDALL: And I've dealt with this matter
before in other extradition cases. It really is just a
matter of Defense counsel -- and I'm happy to help
facilitate this -- being in touch with the Bureau of
Prisons and providing this information. They do all
these calculations. I think it's in Houston or
somewhere in Texas that they do all this. So truly
however I can help to do that, I'm happy to do so. I
don't want him to serve extra time and not get credit
for the time in Mexico. That just would not be fair.
So...
         THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Campos, did you review
the presentence report with your attorney?
         THE DEFENDANT: No -- you mean, if I
reviewed --
         THE COURT: The presentence report, did you go
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     over it with him? Did you discuss it?
               THE DEFENDANT: Just a little -- just only what
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     he told me.
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               THE COURT: Okay. And did he -- do you need
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     more time to review it with him, because we can -- we
     can put this off for another day if you need more time
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      to review it.
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: If I may, Your Honor, we were
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      doing our consultations with McFarland, the facility
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     where Mr. Beltran Campos is located by Zoom, and I had
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      an interpreter. And so he did not have a copy. So we
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     were translating it. And he asked me just to go over
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      the pertinent parts. So it was not word for word
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     translated at his request, but we went over what the
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      findings were, what they meant, and what our arguments
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     would be.
               THE COURT: Do you understand what your lawyer
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      just said? So you understand -- do you have the overall
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     gist of what was in the Pretrial Service's report?
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               THE DEFENDANT: I understand very little.
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      fact, I asked him what are the arguments that you will
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     present on my behalf.
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               THE COURT: Yeah.
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               THE DEFENDANT: And he was just giving me an
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     argument, and I was asking him why are you giving me an
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      argument. I even pressured him --
               THE INTERPRETER: Correction by the
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      interpreter. I provided him.
               THE DEFENDANT: -- with a motion and I asked
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     him to file it, and he said he couldn't do it.
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               THE COURT: He may have -- he filed a very
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      comprehensive sentencing brief on your behalf that's
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     very thorough, and he made several arguments in there.
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     And honestly, a lot of them I am going to adopt as -- I
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     was thinking of adopting as part of the sentencing, but
      it's up to you, we can put this off, but if we put this
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     off, it's going to be -- you know, it's going to be a
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      few months because we're really backed up right now.
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      So -- but I want to make sure you had the time to review
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     everything. And if you want to discuss the pretrial
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      service's report again with your attorney, we can do it.
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     Maybe I can arrange something for the marshals and the
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      interpreter since the interpreter is here to discuss it
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     with you here today. And we'll come back. And if we
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     get an opening soon, we'll try to fit you in. So what
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     do you want to do?
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               THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor, since the last time
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      I spoke with you, when I was told that we would see you
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     here in August, I was very aware that we would meet here
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     again in August. I don't know why these things have
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      happened the way they have.
               THE COURT: That has more to do with the
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      Court's schedule. I was pretty much not unavailable the
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      month of September for a variety of reasons. And this
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      is the first time in October that we could fit you in.
      We tried to fit you in last week, but I was out -- I was
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      out sick last week.
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               THE DEFENDANT: I don't want to take anymore of
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      your valuable time. There's been a long time.
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      spent a long time and I was ending up --
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               THE DEFENDANT: I'm ready.
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               THE COURT: Okay. Then let me ask you: Do you
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      have anything you want to say before I impose
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      sentencing? This is your opportunity to explain -- to
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      tell me anything you want about -- that you want me to
      consider in the sentence I impose.
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               THE DEFENDANT: Yes, yes, if you would allow
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      me.
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               THE COURT:
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               THE DEFENDANT: First of all, thank you very
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      much for allowing me to speak. One of the things that
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      the U.S. attorney said that I was not being supportive,
      and I am being supportive of him. And I could not
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      decide -- I could not decide on behalf of either people,
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including the mother of my children. I spoke with her, and I told her what the U.S. attorney had told me. She said to me, you know what? I don't think it's fair.

And I said, yeah, but that's what he's proposing to me.

So at some point, I told this to the prosecutor and also to the attorney I had before that I could not make decisions on behalf of other people.

What I want to tell you is a few words that I have written down here, if you will just allow me.

THE COURT: Go ahead.

THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor, Fernando Olguin, thank you for giving me this opportunity to say to you a few words to the court and to society regarding my big remorse and my big apology for the bad actions that I committed. For that reason, I am before you today to receive my sentence. During this time that I have been in custody, I have comprehended and understood that in this life making bad decisions can only drive you to death or to jail. Not only that, but you also hurt those people close to you, the ones you love, mentally and emotionally. It's very difficult not to be with them on holidays, especially during situations where there is illness. That is affecting me mentally. I'm asking you for a bit of consideration in my sentence. Like any other human being, we all make mistakes. And

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from those mistakes, we learn in order to become a better person. Thank you very much.
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THE COURT: Okay. Except as otherwise stated during this hearing, I find the presentence report to be accurate and correct. And I adopt the report which is hereby incorporated into this proceeding. Based on the presentence report and the information filed by the parties, I find the information in the record is sufficient for the Court to meaningfully exercise its sentencing authority in accordance with 18 U.S.C. Section 3553(a). Defendant pled quilty to Count 1 of the indictment which charged him with conspiracy to import controlled substances, in violation of 21 U.S.C. Section 963. The Sentencing Guidelines are the starting point in the initial benchmark in the Court's analysis. I have consulted and taken into account the November 2021 edition of the Guidelines. Based on the plea agreement and the record before the Court, the Court calculates the advisory Guideline range as follows: The defendant's base offense level is 36, pursuant to Sections 2(d)1.1(a)(5), (c)(2) of the Guidelines. Defendant contends that the base offense level should be 32 because the Guideline offense calculation for methamphetamine is not based on any empirical data that shows a connection between quantity

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and purity and culpability; however, the Court will consider this issue and address in assessing whether a variance is warranted in this case.
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Pursuant to Section 2D1.1(b)(5), there is a two-level increase for conspiring to import methamphetamine into the United States. Pursuant to Sections 3B -- 3B1.1(b), (c) -- I'm sorry, 3. -- 3B1.1(b), there's a three-level increase for defendant's role as a manager or supervisor. I've considered defendant's objections to probation's conclusion that the role enhancement applies because he was at least a manager or a supervisor in the criminal activity. Under the circumstances, I agree with Probation's determination that the record supports a finding that defendant exercised control over at least codefendant Sanchez Rocha.

Defendant also objects to certain paragraphs in the PSR regarding his role in the conspiracy as factually inaccurate or not supported by the other statements in the PSR. The Court will order the following revisions to the PSR, although these revisions do not affect the Court's decision to apply the role enhancement: Paragraph 36 will be stricken, except for the statement that, "In the conspiracy Beltran Campos, a Mexico base source of supply, communicated with both,

Mexico base and United States base drug distributors via electronic text communications about importing methamphetamine and other controlled substances into the United States where the drugs would be further distributed," which defendant admitted to when he pled guilty.

As for paragraph 37, the Court finds that it is supported by other statements in the PSR and the factual basis for defendant's plea. Finally, the Court will strike paragraph 47. The -- the PSR already contains statements of fact regarding defendant's role and money laundering relating to the conspiracy. And the Court finds that the disputed characterization of those facts in paragraph 47 is unnecessary.

Pursuant to sections 3E1.1(a), (b), there's a three-level decrease because defendant timely accepted responsibility for the offense. The Court agrees with the presentence report's finding of a criminal history score of zero. This results in a total offense level of 38 and a criminal history category of one. The Guideline range for custody is 235 to 293 months. There is a statutory minimum in the case of 120 months. The Guideline term for supervised release is five years. The maximum fine is \$10,000,000 and the special assessment for the crime's victim fund is a hundred

dollars.

Does either counsel know of any reason why sentence should not now be imposed?

MR. KENDALL: No, Your Honor.

MR. KALOYANIDES: No reason, thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: In addition to considering the Guideline range, the Court must consider the factors described in 18 U.S.C. Section 3553(a). The Court cannot presume that the Guideline range is reasonable nor can the Guidelines be given more or less wake than any other factor set forth in Section 3553(a). In determining this sentence I take very seriously my obligation to act in accordance with the Sentencing Guidelines admonition that the Court impose a sentence sufficient but not greater than necessary to comply with the purposes of sentencing.

These purposes include the need for the sentence to reflect the seriousness of the crime, to promote respect for the law, and to provide just punishment for the offense. The sentence should also deter criminal conduct, protect the public from future crime by the defendant and promote rehabilitation. In addition to the Guidelines and policy statements, I must consider the nature and circumstances of the offense,

including the history and characteristics of the defendant, the need to avoid unwarranted sentence disparities among similarly situated defendants than the kinds of sentences available. Mr. Campos who is 47 years old was born in Mexico. Growing up, he saw his mother abused by his father and experienced physical abuse himself. By the time his father passed away ten years ago, Mr. Campos no longer had a relationship with him.

According to Mr. Campos, his mother acted as both, the mother and father figure to him. He remains close to his mother, who's 77 years old, and lives in Mexico; and he speaks with her regularly.

Mr. Campos also has two sisters and a brother.

His brother -- his brother who ran a used car business
and who Mr. Campos had a good relationship, was murdered
at age 32. One of Mr. Campos's sister is a

psychologist, and the other one works for a University.

Mr. Campos was previously married for 12 years to Mercedes Martell, a codefendant in this case, who's also in custody. He has two sons and two daughters from his marriage with Ms. Martell. All of his children live in Mexico. Julia, his oldest daughter, at 21 years old has undergone rehabilitation after being drugged and raped. Because both of Julia's parents are

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incarcerated, she cares for her younger siblings.

Mr. Campos' youngest son and daughter, who are 15 and
10 years old respectively, are both in therapy as
relating to their parents' incarceration.
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Mr. Campos has experienced health problems while incarcerated. He needs surgery for persistent urinary tract infections for which he currently takes prostate medicine. He also experiences lower back pain and needs new glasses. Although, he was previously diagnosed and treated for depression, he does not currently receive treatment. Mr. Campos also has a history of alcohol and cocaine addiction.

Mr. Campos has an extensive work history. And in 2014, he obtained a bachelors degree in Business Administration. At the time of his arrest, he owned and operated a business buying and selling vehicles for about 20 years which he plans to resume after he is released from prison and he returns to Mexico.

While in federal custody, Mr. Campos has worked in the kitchen and in cleaning, and he currently works in the yard. And I'll note that one of the things that was submitted today were evaluations of his work which were -- which were evaluations -- evaluated him as very good or in different performance -- in his performance at MDC.

And there's some evaluations where he is evaluated as outstanding, as well. I'll note that for the record.

In fashioning a sentence, the Court also takes into account defendant's anticipated subsequent deportation and the fact that his immigration status makes him ineligible for most BOP programs, including the ability to finish his sentence in a halfway house.

As a result, the sentence he will serve will be significantly longer and thus harsher than the same sentence imposed on a person with legal status.

In addition, Mr. Campos reports that he had -that he -- that prior to his extradition, he'd been
detained in Mexico. And as we learned today, that
was -- that he has been in custody in Mexico since
July 19th of 2018. And so I just wanted to note that
for the record.

The Court also takes in consideration the fact that Mr. Campos has been in custody for the entirety of the pandemic. To control the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the BOP and its contracting facilities implemented a number of restrictions, including 24-hour lockdowns, elimination of in-person visits from families and friends and reduced access to things, like recreation, telephones, and social interaction.

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Needless to say, inmates have no autonomy over decisions, such as what personal protective equipment to use or how to safely social distance.

In short, there's no doubt that Mr. Campos' incarceration thus far has been much more harsh and punitive than it would have been under ordinary circumstances.

Finally, the Court notes that defendant's Guideline range is driven to a large extent by the quantity and purity of methamphetamine involved in this case. As noted by the Supreme Court in Kimbrough v. United States, the base offense levels for drug trafficking cases under Section 2D1.1 are based on a weight-driven scheme and are not the product of the same empirical approach used in formulating offense levels under other sections of the Guidelines. Courts have recognized that when a Guideline is not based on empirical data and national experience, the Guideline sentence may not achieve the sentencing purposes set forth in section 3553(a). As the courts explained in United States v. Hayes and United States v. Hubbell, this approach follows congressional directives rather than applying the Commission's unique area of expertise to assess the various factors contributing to a defendant's culpability. In other words, sentences

under Section 2D1.1 create an increased possibility that a particular defendant's culpability may not match the severity of the punishment that results from the quantity of controlled substances the defendant is found to have at the sentencing phase.

Further, the Guidelines emphasis on drug purity leads to arbitrary sentencing distinctions not related to a defendant's culpability. This -- the distinction in Guidelines sentences over pure methamphetamine has as the Court explained in United States v. Hendricks led to substantial and unwarranted disparities in sentencing based solely on whether methamphetamine is lab-tested. In other words, sentences based on methamphetamine quantity and purity may be substantially increased, but not for reasons that relate to the defendant's culpability or the danger which he or she poses society. Because today most methamphetamine seized at all distributions is remarkably pure, which means that higher purity is not a good indicator of a defendant's place in the chain of distribution.

The Government contends that even if defendant were only held accountable for 15 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectible amount of methamphetamine, as discussed during his April 2013 communications with Carliyos, he would still have a base

offense level of 13; therefore, according to the

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Government, even if the Court believes that the purity of the methamphetamine should not be considered during sentencing, the base offense level would remain the same under Guidelines Section 2D1.1(c)(2); however, the Government does not provide any record citations to support its assertion regarding defendant's communications with Carliyos involving 15 kilograms of methamphetamine. And based on the Court's review of the PSR, it appears that the Government is referring to paragraph 40, which states that Campos inquired about approximately 15 pounds of methamphetamine, which of course, is less than the 15 kilogram cutoff that the Government cites for the 36-point base offense level, nor does adding the amount that defendant discussed with Carliyos through the 35 -- through the 3,567 grams described in the factual basis for defendant's plea, reach the 15-kilogram cutoff. Thus, the Government's contention that the Court's policy disagreement with the methamphetamine Guidelines makes no difference here, is unpersuasive. In short, the Court believes that a variance is

warranted in this case. Although, the Court is still

sentence, here, Mr. Campos' abusive childhood, his

constrained by the 120-month mandatory minimum custodial

substance abuse issues, his stable employment history, and the Court's policy disagreement with the Guidelines, and the other Section 3553(a) factors discussed today, justify a sentence below the Guideline range.

Under the circumstances, the Court is persuaded that the following sentence is sufficient but not greater than necessary to comply with the purposes of sentencing set forth in 18 U.S.C. Section 3553(a).

First, it is the judgment of the Court that defendant Nayar Josue Beltran Campos is committed on Count 1 of the indictment to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for a term of 127 months. This sentence is reasonable and proper in that it reflects the factors set forth in Section 3553(a) and other congressional mandates.

Second, the Court finds that five years of supervised release is appropriate. And the terms and conditions of Mr. Campos' supervised release shall be condition numbers 1 through 10 set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the probation officer's letter filed on July 14th, 2022, which are hereby incorporated by reference. The Court finds the duration, terms, and conditions of supervised release ordered are reasonably related to the history and characteristics of the defendant. The need for the sentence imposed to afford adequate deterrence to criminal conduct and the need to

protect the public from further crimes of the defendant.

The Court also finds the duration, terms, and conditions of supervised release ordered herein involve no greater deprivation of liberty that is necessary for the purposes described earlier.

Condition numbers 1, 2, 7, and 8 are standard conditions of supervision and are statutorily mandated. Condition numbers 3 through 6 are imposed due to defendant's history and characteristics. Condition number 9 is imposed due to the nature and circumstances of the offense. Condition number 10 is imposed based on defendant's immigration status. The -- was there an order of forfeiture in this case, Mr. Kendall?

MR. KENDALL: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: No? Okay.

All fines are waived as the Court finds the defendant does not have the ability to pay a fine.

Finally, the defendant shall pay to the United States a special assessment of a hundred dollars which is due immediately. Any unpaid balance shall be due during the period of imprisonment at the rate of not less than \$25 per quarter and pursuant to the Bureau of Prisons Inmate Financial Responsibility Program.

Mr. Kaloyanides, would your client like to request that he be designated to a specific BOP

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      institution or a specific area within the United States?
               MR. KALOYANIDES: Designation somewhere close
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      to the border just in case his family can come up and
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     visit.
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: Whether that's California or
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: Well, and primarily because I
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: So his status is technically
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The Court also recommends that defendant be permitted to participate in the BOP's RDAP program.

Mr. Campos, you may have a right to appeal the sentence which the Court has imposed upon you. If you wish to do so, you should discuss this matter with your lawyer, who will assist you in the filing of a timely notice of appeal. If you do not have the money to pay the cost of that appeal, you can ask the Court upon proper application to waive those costs. Do you understand all of that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: The statement of reasons shall be included in the commitment order and judgment and shall be provided to the Probation Office and Sentencing Commission and the Bureau of Prisons. A complete copy of the presentence report shall be provided to the Bureau of Prisons and the Sentencing Commission. Any other copies of the report and related materials shall remain confidential.

If an appeal is taken, counsel on appeal shall have further access to the report.

Do either counsel have anything further at this time? Is there any charges to dismiss, Mr. Kendall?

MR. KENDALL: Yes, Your Honor; although, it's a little bit of a strange situation, because it was an

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               THE COURT: Oh, I see.
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               MR. KENDALL: It is actually somewhat rare. So
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               MR. KENDALL: -- those additional counts --
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               MR. KENDALL: -- which is a strange ask, but it
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      is probably the right thing to do in this situation.
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               THE COURT: I'll order your motion granted.
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               MR. KENDALL: As to this defendant.
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               THE COURT: As to this defendant.
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               MR. KENDALL: Anything else, Mr. Kaloyanides?
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               MR. KALOYANIDES: No, thank you, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. We're in recess.
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                 (Whereupon, proceeding adjourned.)
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